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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

1. PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAS ASKED ME TO HAVE
BREAKFAST WITH HIM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, PRIVATELY. IN
ACCEPTING THE INVITATION, I REMINDED HIS APPOINTMENT SECRETARY
OF YOUR SUGGESTION THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE
THE SUBJECTS HE WISHES TO DISCUSS DURING HIS VISIT TO
WASHINGTON IN ORDER THAT U.S. SIDE MIGHT BE ADEQUATELY
PREPARED AND THUS MORE RESPONSIVE.

2. I ALSO BELIEVE THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HIM
SOME ADVANCE WARNING OF WHAT OUR SIDE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS
WITH HIM.
I WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THAT IF OUR SIDE INTENDS
TO RAISE PETROLEUM ISSUES I WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED BY CLOSE STAFF
MEMBERS OF BOTH LOPEZ PORTILLO AND ECHEVERRIA SEPARATELY
THAT JLP WOULD BE ABLE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE IF HE HAD
SOME FOREWARNING OF WHAT OUR OBJECTIVES IN THIS FIELD
MIGHT BE.

3. INCIDENTALLY, I HAVE LEARNED FROM U.S. CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE HERE THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO IS PREPARED TO MEET
WITH BUSINESS AND OTHER LEADERS IN MORE THAN ONE CITY
OF THE U.S. DURING HIS VISIT; NEW YORK AND CHICAGO WERE
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SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. CHAMBER HAS OFFERED TO PREPARE

PROPOSED ITINERARY. JLP TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS WILLING
TO REMAIN IN U.S. UNTIL END OF SEPTEMBER, IF NECESSARY.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH HAVING SOME GUIDANCE
PRIOR TO MY AUGUST 24 BREAKFAST APPOINTMENT.

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